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(c) whether the Government propose to do any repairs to the channel from the Vaigai river leading to the tank; and

(d) if so, when?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (a) 1951.

" (b) No. Though the tank can hold water sufficient to irrigate 1,000 acres through two fillings, there was no water in the tank at the time of inspection by the local officers during the third week of April 1955."

" (c) The supply channel taking off from the left bank of the river Vaigai at a point about three miles north-west of Paramakudi town is two miles long up to its entry into the tank and this channel was silt cleared and widened in 1950 at a cost of Rs. 2,900. No further repairs are contemplated now to this channel.

" (d) Does not arise."

Present stage of Ghiriyar Project.

* 2323 Q—SRI P. URKAVALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the stage at which the proposed Ghiriyar Project stands at present ?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGHA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" A preliminary report has been obtained from the Chief Engineer with the remarks of the Board of Revenue and it is being examined."

Orphanages run out of Devasthanam funds in the State

* 2324 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) the number of orphanages run in the State out of Devasthanam funds ; and

(b) the percentage of expenditure on them to the income of the Devasthanams ?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) Ten.

" (b) The percentage of total expenditure on all the orphanages to the total income of the devasthanams was 1·6 in fasli 1363 and 0·4 in fasli 1364."

Craft teachers in the Madras Corporation High Schools

* 2325 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government are paying any grant towards the pay of the craft teacher in the Madras Corporation High Schools? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"No, Sir."